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^{4. (}U) SOUTH AMERICA------ANALYST: MR. FRIEL.

(U) THE THREAT OF TERRORIST ATTACK TO US INTERESTS IS LOW EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

A. (U) ARGENTINA------THREAT LEVEL: MEDIUM. (C/NF) ACCORDING TO ARGENTINE DEFENSE MINISTER RAUL BORRAS, THERE IS NO THREAT OF AN OUTBREAK OF SUBVERSION IN ARGENTINA. THE STATEMENT BY THE DEFENSE MINISTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE INCREASING VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY, WHICH HAS BEEN TIED TO THE

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FAR RIGHT AND CRIMINAL ELEMENTS. SERIOUS CRIME HAS INCREASED IN ARGENTINA DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. A RECENT SERIES OF KIDNAPPINGS AND THEFTS OF WEAPONS/AMMUNITION ARE OF GROWING CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. ALTHOUGH SOME EVIDENCE SUGGESTS A RESURGENCE OF LEFTIST VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY, THE US EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE PERPETRATORS CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

(U) UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN BLEW UP A RADIO STATION IN BUENOS AIRES, CRITICIZED BY RIGHTIST POLITICIANS FOR ITS LEFTIST TONE. TEN MEN, THREE OF WHOM WERE DRESSED AS POLICE, CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK ON 29 APRIL. THE BOMBING SEVERELY DAMAGED THE TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT BUT CAUSED NO INJURIES. THE ATTACK OCCURRED HOURS BEFORE A TRIAL OF NINE FORMER ARGENTINE MILITARY LEADERS, INCLUDING THREE FORMER PRESIDENTS, WENT INTO ITS SECOND WEEK. THE MILITARY LEADERS ARE ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ABDUCTION, TORTURE AND DEATH OF THOUSANDS OF ARGENTINES DURING THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S FIGHT AGAINST LEFTIST GUERRILLAS FROM 1976 TO 1983. THE TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO LAST SIX MONTHS AND CONTINUED VIOLENCE CAN BE EXPECTED FOR THE DURATION OF THE TRIAL.

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